

REMARKS

Election of Invention

Claims 33-70 are pending in this application and are subject to a restriction requirement.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 33-59, drawn to a method for improving tolerance in a graft recipient.

Election of Species

In response to the election of species requirements, Applicants elect the following species under categories (a) to (d) as set forth on pages 3-4 of the Office Action:

Category (a): the species leuprolide.

Category (b): the species of claim 34, wherein the thymus of the patient is at least in part atrophied.

Category (c): the species non-genetically modified CD34+ HSCs and HSC chimeras.

Category (d): the species KGF.

The following claims are readable on the elected invention and the elected species:
Claims 33-38, 40-43, 45-49, and 54-59.

If a search of the species elected is free of the art, Applicants respectfully request additional species be searched. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that they are entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim.

CONCLUSIONS

Applicants have elected Group I, which encompasses claims 33-59 and the species set forth above.

The time for responding to this action has been extended to April 29, 2010 by the accompanying Petition for a five-month extension of time and payment of the required fee. No additional fees are believed to be due in connection with this response. However, if any

additional fees are due, please charge any underpayments or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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